

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

(Letters addressed to Professor Massey must have stamp inclosed for answer.)

Tuesday, March 24, 1914.

Growing Peppers.

"I wish to grow sweet peppers and get them as early as possible. At what time should the seed be sown in a hotbed in this latitude? Can the plants be transplanted from the hotbed frame covered with glass? This was not easily as the tomato plants? Can you suggest a tool that will give directions for the various operations to a market gardener? Peppers should be sown about the middle of February, if wanted early. I grow them only for home use and pickings to have the plants ready to sow the seed in a frame in late March and transplant them directly to the garden. They transplant very easily. You can get Peter Henderson's book, 'Gardening for Profit,' for \$1 from the Orange Judd Company, of New York."

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Turning Clover For Corn.

Several years ago I was on a farm in North Carolina where the owner was about to turn under a growth of crimson clover to plant the land in corn. Two young white men were doing the plowing, and I remarked to the owner that I was glad to see that he had men who knew how to plow for corn. He was not trying to turn more furrow than the plow was intended to turn, and was edging up the furrows nicely. "But," said the owner, "they are not hiding all the clover?" I replied that that did not matter so much as that they were not throwing it under the plow to cut off the rise of the soil moisture. It would have been better probably if a dish harrow had been run over the clover beds, first to chop them up, and then there would have been less trouble in turning the land. The land is properly plowed, the tufts of clover sticking out can soon be disposed of in the disking and harrowing, especially where lime is spread after the plowing.

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GAS-HOUSE Lime, Etc.

Pittsylvania County: "What is the efficiency of gas-house lime in removing the acidity from the soil, as compared with ground limestone or burnt lime? The gas people have discontinued the use of lime in the production of gas, but not quite a quarter of a century ago, sand was used to make the lime available for burning. Mate the punishment adequate to the crime, then the number of cases where little children are enticed from their homes held for ransom or harmed will be reduced."

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I. W. W. FOLLOWERS WILL DEFY POLICE

They Propose to Meet and March, Even if It Means Fight.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch) New York, March 23.—Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and all their anarchist and I. W. W. following will be kept under strict police surveillance, according to Police Commissioner McKay to-day, and any attempt to revive the disorder on Fifth Avenue on Saturday will be met with arrests and riot charges.

"It doesn't make much difference what McKay thinks or says," declared Edward Cullen, head of the Francisco Modern School, when informed of the commissioners statement. "There will be other demonstrations. Whether there will be riots or not depends upon the police. If they want a fight they can have it by trying to stop us on April 4, when we will hold a great mass-meeting in Union Square. We will meet, and we will march. We shall ask for no permit, and we shall fight for our rights as we see them."

The parade should not have been allowed," declared Mr. Cullen. "The police were wrong to permit it."

"On the other hand, no permit was necessary for speaking in the park, where they have a right to speak just so long as they do not incite a riot. I assure the public that any further disorderly demonstrations will be nipped in the bud."

Emma Goldman indignantly denied to-day that she fled the city on Sunday because she feared arrest, but added: "I leave on my lecture tour on April 1st, and shall not take any chances of being arrested before then. A man shall be most circumcised afterwards. I shall collect thousands of dollars in every city and give it to the men who need it. But no more open-air meetings for me now. I have too much at stake to take chances with the police. I knew nothing of the plans of the conference of the unemployed."

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Fertilizing Old Apple Trees.

"I read with great profit and pleasure your talkies in The Times-Dispatch, have here in King George County some large apple trees, which I wish to fertilize, and I want to know what to do with them. I am an invalid. Please tell me how much ammonium fertilizer to use over the roots of a good-sized tree, as I have no training manure that can be spared for this purpose." The trees should be plowed between, and the fertilizer barrowed in. Get a fertilizer strong in nitrogen or ammonia, as they print it on the sacks, and in potash, with a fair percentage of phosphoric acid. Then measure the area between a point five feet from the trunk and the outermost spread of the branches, and spread a quarter of a pound of the fertilizer to every twenty square feet, set none up near the trunk, as the feeding roots are mainly out where the limbs drip."

Trouble With Hedges.

"I have an Amherst River hedge around my homeplace, which, on the outside and back, has done beautifully, but on the side it hardly grows and thickens at all. From all but this side have had a very fine growth. I have pruned and cultivated it and trimmed it. It may be that the trees on the sidewalk draw up much moisture from it. Can you tell me how to help it? Please reply in Sunday's Dispatch." Now as these columns do not appear in the Sunday edition, I can not comply. And as you do not say where you live, nor sign your name, I am violating my rule in replying at all. I think that you have about told the reason for the failure. If the hedge is along a sidewalk, and there are trees on the other side of the pavement, you cannot do anything to help the hedge. Some little good might be done by cutting a deep trench outside the hedge to cut off the tree roots there. But that would only be temporary, for they will soon be back again.

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SECOND LETTER DEMANDS RANSOM

Father of McCarrick Boy Told He Must Pay Kidnappers \$7,500.

DETECTIVES ARE BAFFLED Whole Country Is Combed in Search, but No Trace Is Found.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch) Pittsylvania, Va., March 23.—A second letter demanding \$7,500 for the return of seven-year-old Warren McCarrick, who disappeared from his home eleven days ago, was received yesterday. The letter was written on thin paper, and was contained in a plain envelope, postmarked at the downtown branch of the post-office, Broad Street, below Erie Avenue. It reads:

"Mr. James McCarrick: Now that so much money has been placed upon the boy's head, I want to say that we will return him upon receipt of \$7,500. He is at the present time safe, but unless we hear definitely through the papers in regard to his safety within one or two days, I will be safer when we expect him, than if you had him with you. Further details will be sent in the mail as soon as they are satisfactory."

Belle Vue Horse Thieves. (Continued from page 1) Arsonists, who had broken into the house, had taken away the silverware, and the boy's father had been beaten up, and never made a terrace nor a gully, for I always had a sod to turn for a seed crop and broke the soil so deeply that there was no chance for the water to run down hills. But all this will be unavailing to check washing if the corn crop or cotton crop is laid by with a ridge to every row and valleys made between the wash the way I did, and another had to be over-tilling the run after another, till a torrent runs down hill and a gully is started. Deep breaking with a sod always for a seed crop and then perfectly level and shallow cultivation of the hood crop, will do more to prevent the washing of the hills than any terrace that ever was made. Several Northern farmers who have settled on the hills of Georgia have taken my advice and have done away with the terraces and have none of them. The only lands that are really benefited by the terraces are the red hills of the South. On level lands subsoiling is seldom of any help.

Several years ago I was on the farm of Charendon Davis, near Huntsville, Ala. He had recently undertaken the improvement of an old galled and gullied farm, and I urged him to devote his attention to deep plowing, and the storing of vegetable matter in the land instead of spending money on terracing, which can always go the way. Hence, I was pleased to see in the issue of the Southern Farm Journal an article from Mr. Davis in which he says: "Years ago when I took up the task of restoring an old cotton farm to a profit-producing basis, Professor Massey [I leave out some complimentary remarks], advised me to plow my hillside deep, and to add humus-forming materials, to prevent them from washing. That his advice was sound has been proven on my farm, where I have increased their farms, and have been successful farmers ever since; I can help but believe that had they practiced the level tillage and cultivation along the lines advised by Professor Massey, they would have accomplished more, with less expenditure of time and energy."

While the detectives confess that the information from Clementon is convincing enough to justify a rigid investigation, they put out the illegal rights from the beginning.

They declare that the descriptions vary, but that in most of the information a cap with a red tassel is a feature. The boy's cap had no tassel, it was cut off by his mother because Warren thought it made him "look too much like a girl."

Penalty Should Be Death. (Continued from page 1) Edward Cullen, pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, in a sermon last evening, touched upon the disappearance of one of the most terrible crimes that can occur. So many cases are reported annually in our country because we are remiss in our punishment. It should be the same as that provided for murder, or for rape, or for arson, or for kidnapping. Make the punishment adequate to the crime, then the number of cases where little children are enticed from their homes held for ransom or harmed will be reduced."

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